

? logoff

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02dec09 18:20:08 User264751 Session D692.2
    $58.59    5.190 DialUnits File347
$58.59 Estimated cost File347
    $11.75    2.106 DialUnits File348
    $7.20    4 Type(s) in Format 3
    $7.20    4 Types
$18.95 Estimated cost File348
    $2.26    0.460 DialUnits File349
    $17.00   10 Type(s) in Format 3
    $17.00   10 Types
$19.26 Estimated cost File349
    OneSearch, 3 files, 7.756 DialUnits FileOS
    $4.53    INTERNET
$101.33 Estimated cost this search
$101.86 Estimated total session cost 8.016 DialUnits
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Ended session: 2009/12/02 18:20:09

? logon

*** It is now 2009/12/02 18:20:23 ***
(Dialog time 2009/12/02 18:20:23)

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705TEXT1 is set ON as an alias for 15, 16, 160, 148, 621, 275, 634, 47
705TEXT2 is set ON as an alias for 9, 623, 810, 624, 813, 20, 636
705BIBLIT is set ON as an alias for 77, 35, 583, 2, 65, 233, 99
705NEWSBIB is set ON as an alias for 473, 474, 475
SOFTLIT is set ON as an alias for 256, 278
705ADLIT is set ON as an alias for 635, 570, PAPERSMJ, PAPERSEU
HILIGHT set on as ' '
DETAIL set off
KWIC is set to 50.
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76, 635, 570, PAPERSMJ, PAPERSEU, 47**

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>>> 476 does not exist
>>>1 of the specified files is not available
02dec09 18:20:37 User264751 Session D693.1
    $0.00    0.247 DialUnits File415
    $0.00 Estimated cost File415
    $0.05    INTERNET
    $0.05 Estimated cost this search
    $0.05 Estimated total session cost 0.247 DialUnits
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SYSTEM:OS - DIALOG OneSearch

File 610:Business Wire 1999-2009/Dec 02
(c) 2009 Business Wire.

*File 610: contains data from 3/99 forward.
For archive data (1986-2/99) see File 810.

File 613:PR Newswire 1999-2009/Dec 02
(c) 2009 PR Newswire Association Inc

*File 613: File 613 now contains data from 5/99 forward.

Archive data (1987-4/99) is available in File 813.

File 634:San Jose Mercury Jun 1985-2009/Nov 29
(c) 2009 San Jose Mercury News

File 810:Business Wire 1986-1999/Feb 28
(c) 1999 Business Wire

*File 810: contains data from 1986-1999.
See File 610 for current data.

File 813:PR Newswire 1987-1999/Apr 30
(c) 1999 PR Newswire Association Inc

*File 813: contains data from 1987-1999.
For current data see File 613.

File 20:Dialog Global Reporter 1997-2009/Dec 02
(c) 2009 Dialog

File 583:Gale Group Globalbase(TM) 1986-2002/Dec 13
(c) 2002 Gale/Cengage

*File 583: This file is no longer updating as of 12-13-2002.

File 474:New York Times Abs 1969-2009/Dec 02
(c) 2009 The New York Times

File 475:Wall Street Journal Abs 1973-2009/Dec 02
(c) 2009 The New York Times

File 35:Dissertation Abs Online 1861-2009/Oct
(c) 2009 ProQuest Info&Learning

File 65:Inside Conferences 1993-2009/Dec 02
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File 99:Wilson Appl. Sci & Tech Abs 1983-2009/Nov
(c) 2009 The HW Wilson Co.

File 256:TecTrends 1982-2009/Nov W5
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*File 256: Please see HELP NEWS 256 for the latest information about TecTrends.

File 9:Business & Industry(R) Jul/1994-2009/Dec 01
(c) 2009 Gale/Cengage

File 15:ABI/Inform(R) 1971-2009/Dec 01
(c) 2009 ProQuest Info&Learning

File 16:Gale Group PROMT(R) 1990-2009/Nov 04
(c) 2009 Gale/Cengage

File 148:Gale Group Trade & Industry DB 1976-2009/Dec 02
(c) 2009 Gale/Cengage

*File 148: CURRENT feature not working. See HELP NEWS148.

File 160:Gale Group PROMT(R) 1972-1989
(c) 1999 The Gale Group

File 275:Gale Group Computer DB(TM) 1983-2009/Oct 29
(c) 2009 Gale/Cengage

File 621:Gale Group New Prod.Annou.(R) 1985-2009/Oct 21
(c) 2009 Gale/Cengage

File 636:Gale Group Newsletter DB(TM) 1987-2009/Nov 04
(c) 2009 Gale/Cengage

File 624:McGraw-Hill Publications 1985-2009/Dec 02
(c) 2009 McGraw-Hill Co. Inc

File 2:INSPEC 1898-2009/Nov W4
(c) 2009 The IET

File 635:Business Dateline(R) 1985-2009/Dec 02
(c) 2009 ProQuest Info&Learning

File 570:Gale Group MARS(R) 1984-2009/Nov 04
(c) 2009 Gale/Cengage

File 387:The Denver Post 1994-2009/Dec 01
(c) 2009 Denver Post

File 471:New York Times Fulltext 1980-2009/Dec 02
 (c) 2009 The New York Times
 File 492:Arizona Repub/Phoenix Gaz 19862002/Jan 06
 (c) 2002 Phoenix Newspapers
 *File 492: no longer updates.
 File 494:St LouisPost-Dispatch 1988-2009/Dec 02
 (c) 2009 St Louis Post-Dispatch
 File 631:Boston Globe 1980-2009/Dec 02
 (c) 2009 Boston Globe
 File 633:Phil.Inquirer 1983-2009/Dec 02
 (c) 2009 Philadelphia Newspapers Inc
 File 638:Newsday/New York Newsday 1987-2009/Dec 01
 (c) 2009 Newsday Inc.
 File 640:San Francisco Chronicle 1988-2009/Nov 29
 (c) 2009 Chronicle Publ. Co.
 File 641:Rocky Mountain News Jun 1989-2009/Jan 16
 (c) 2009 Scripps Howard News
 *File 641: no longer updates.
 The Rocky Mountain News is no longer published.
 File 702:Miami Herald 1983-2009/Dec 02
 (c) 2009 The Miami Herald Publishing Co.
 File 703:USA Today 1989-2009/Dec 02
 (c) 2009 USA Today
 File 704:(Portland)The Oregonian 1989-2009/Dec 01
 (c) 2009 The Oregonian
 File 713:Atlanta J/Const. 1989-2009/Mar 08
 (c) 2009 Atlanta Newspapers
 File 714:(Baltimore) The Sun 1990-2009/Nov 29
 (c) 2009 Baltimore Sun
 File 715:Christian Sci.Mon. 1989-2009/Nov 30
 (c) 2009 Christian Science Monitor
 File 725:(Cleveland)Plain Dealer Aug 1991-2009/Dec 01
 (c) 2009 The Plain Dealer
 File 735:St. Petersburg Times 1989- 2009/Nov 29
 (c) 2009 St. Petersburg Times
 File 477:Irish Times 1999-2009/Dec 02
 (c) 2009 Irish Times
 File 710:Times/Sun.Times(London) Jun 1988-2009/Dec 02
 (c) 2009 Times Newspapers
 File 711:Independent(London) Sep 1988-2006/Dec 12
 (c) 2006 Newspaper Publ. PLC
 *File 711: no longer updates. See NewsRoom for
 daily coverage from many European sources.
 File 756:Daily/Sunday Telegraph 2000-2009/Dec 02
 (c) 2009 Telegraph Group
 File 757:Mirror Publications/Independent Newspapers 2000-2009/Dec 02
 (c) 2009
 File 47:Gale Group Magazine DB(TM) 1959-2009/Nov 16
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LOGISTICALLY)

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5/3/1 (Item 1 from file: 16)
DIALOG(R)File 16: Gale Group PROMT(R)
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07537045 **Supplier Number:** 63132885 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)

**Cyber Supply.(RosettaNet works on supply chain management standard)(Company
Business and Marketing)**

Anthony, Robert

Electronic Business , v 26 , n 6 , p s2

June , 2000

Language: English **Record Type:** Fulltext

Document Type: Magazine/Journal ; Trade

Word Count: 2706

5/3/2 (Item 1 from file: 148)
DIALOG(R)File 148: Gale Group Trade & Industry DB
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12303764 **Supplier Number:** 63132885 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)

**Cyber Supply.(RosettaNet works on supply chain management standard)(Company
Business and Marketing)**

Anthony, Robert

Electronic Business , 26 , 6 , s2

June , 2000

ISSN: 1097-4881

Language: English

Record Type: Fulltext

Word Count: 2897 **Line Count:** 00238

5/3/3 (Item 1 from file: 275)
DIALOG(R)File 275: Gale Group Computer DB(TM)
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02412218 **Supplier Number:** 63132885 (Use Format 7 Or 9 For FULL TEXT)
Cyber Supply.(RosettaNet works on supply chain management standard)(Company Business and Marketing)

Anthony, Robert
Electronic Business , 26 , 6 , s2
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ISSN: 1097-4881
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 "The whole point is to take time out of the system," explains Colin Evans, director of e-business strategy for Intel Corp. of Santa Clara...but now we're flirting with (being) the best of class," he claims.
 Since instituting its supply change project in 1996, the changes in improved **logistics** and better scheduling for contract manufacturers have reduced the number of manufacturing days for a typical product from 20-24 days to three to five...
...been reduced from several months to days.
 Baby steps
 Even small businesses can benefit by eliminating steps in their supply chains. Andal(acute{e}) (www.**Andale.com**), based in Mountain View, CA, helps individuals and businesses automate the task of selling items on the eBay, Yahoo and Amazon.com auction sites. The...

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6/3/1 (Item 1 from file: 610)
DIALOG(R)File 610: Business Wire
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00206889 20000302062B3011 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)
So You Want to be an Internet Entrepreneur?... Andale's In-A-Box Kit Can Help

Business Wire
Thursday , March 2, 2000 09:02 EST
Journal Code: BW Language: ENGLISH Record Type: FULLTEXT Document Type: NEWSWIRE
Word Count: 1,206

6/3/2 (Item 1 from file: 613)
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00785538 20020621SFF021 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)
Andale's Market Insight Products Bring Auction Trading In

PR Newswire
Friday , June 21, 2002 15:00 EDT
Journal Code: PR Language: ENGLISH Record Type: FULLTEXT Document Type: NEWSWIRE
Word Count: 852

6/3/3 (Item 2 from file: 613)
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00519620 20010221SFW082 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)
Andale Taps \$6 Billion 'Off-Ebay' Market - Gives Businesses the Freedom to Sell Anywhere with New Stores Product

PR Newswire

Wednesday , February 21, 2001 08:31 EST

Journal Code: PR **Language:** ENGLISH **Record Type:** FULLTEXT **Document**

Type: NEWSWIRE

Word Count: 1,268

6/3/4 (Item 1 from file: 20)

DIALOG(R)File 20: Dialog Global Reporter

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23959926 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULLTEXT)

Andale's Market Insight Products Bring Auction Trading Into 21st Century

PR NEWSWIRE (US)

June 21, 2002

Journal Code: WPRU **Language:** English **Record Type:** FULLTEXT

Word Count: 868

6/3/5 (Item 1 from file: 16)

DIALOG(R)File 16: Gale Group PROMT(R)

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09885172 **Supplier Number:** 87581657 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)

Andale's Market Insight Products Bring Auction Trading Into 21st Century; New Research and Analysis Tools Create Better Informed, More Profitable Merchants.

PR Newswire , p SFF02121062002

June 21 , 2002

Language: English **Record Type:** Fulltext

Document Type: Newswire ; Trade

Word Count: 696

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07537045 **Supplier Number:** 63132885 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)

Cyber Supply.(RosettaNet works on supply chain management standard)(Company Business and Marketing)

Anthony, Robert

Electronic Business , v 26 , n 6 , p s2

June , 2000

Language: English **Record Type:** Fulltext
Document Type: Magazine/Journal ; Trade
Word Count: 2706

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>>> Retrying request [1]
6/K/1 (Item 1 from file: 610)
DIALOG(R)File 610: Business Wire
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Text:

...the
'next generation' of Internet Entrepreneurs. Andale's Internet Entrepreneur In-a-Box Kit will be available free of charge in mid-March, at www.andale.com. It contains tried and tested advice, tips, techniques, a guide book, special deals for Internet access, an offer for a free digital camera, and other...

...customers and to develop targeted marketing strategies to build loyalty.

Heidi Le Vell and the team of Auction Advisors at Andale are available at www.andale.com, and on the Andale customer service line 1-800-857-2757 to answer questions about online selling, and how to maximize business potential.

Note to...

...and the Birnbaum's are planning on doubling their success this year.

Delinda Burger, of Oklahoma City is a 28-year-old mother of three **fulfilling** her dream of a home-based career. With Andale, she can list and manage auctions in seconds, vs. hours, giving her more time to be...

...hobby of buying and selling these items into a business. Andale has helped make the business a success.

About Andale
Andale (Ahn-du-lay) www.andale.com is the first Web-based Auction Business Management service for auction sellers that makes it possible to sell twice as much merchandise, on multiple markets...

...from Accel Partners,
Mohr Davidow Ventures, Oak Hill Venture Partners and other angel
investors.
For more information call, 1-800-450-7515 or visit www.andale.com.

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Mary Camarata, 408/969-0574
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KEYWORD: CALIFORNIA
INDUSTRY KEYWORD: E-COMMERCE
INTERNET

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Text:

Andale, Inc. (www.andale.com),
the leading provider of auction management tools and services for
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sellers, today announced a complete set of products designed to take
auction
management from...

...create and launch hundreds of
ads at a time
-- Import inventory items from a spreadsheet or database using
simple
wizard
-- Export data into any offline **fulfillment**, reporting and
financial
systems
-- Support multiple users. Distribute the task of listing, shipping
and
accounting

-- Reduce shipping time with invoice, labels and picklist generators

Andale...

...Texas

Pacific Group (TPG), Tarrant Venture Partners, Accel Partners, Mohr Davidow

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Web site: <http://www.andale.com>

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Text:

Andale, Inc.

(www.andale.com), the leading provider of auction management tools and

services for online sellers, today announced a new product called Andale

Stores that will allow sellers to...

...real time to make sure that if, for example, 5 items sell at auction and

another 50 on the online store, that they can still **fulfill** all orders. Also,

businesses should make sure that they are automatically up-selling and cross-selling buyers on one channel to specials on another in...

...that produced an increase in revenue of more than 600 percent over the last

two sequential quarters combined.

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Web site: <http://www.andale.com>

...www.eGalleriaMall.com

Web site: <http://www.yahoo.com>

Web site: <http://www.amazon.com>

Web site: <http://www.ebay.com>

Web site: <http://www.andale.com>

6/K/4 (Item 1 from file: 20)

DIALOG(R)File 20: Dialog Global Reporter

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Andale, Inc. (<http://www.andale.com/>), the leading provider of auction management tools and services for online sellers, today announced a complete set of products designed to take auction management from...

...create and launch hundreds of ads at a time -- Import inventory items from a spreadsheet or database using simple wizard -- Export data into any offline **fulfillment**, reporting and financial systems -- Support multiple users. Distribute the task of listing, shipping and accounting -- Reduce shipping time with invoice, labels and picklist generators Andale ...

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Supplier Number: (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)

Text:

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-- Support multiple users. Distribute the task of listing, shipping and accounting
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Andale...
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...where they can enter payment and shipping information. The system maintains financial reports and monitors inventory, alerting users about imminent shortages. The result is reduced fulfillment time. Instead of taking three weeks to coordinate payments and shipments, most

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| S2 | 110050107 | PD<20030908 |
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| S7 | 145 | S2 AND SKULOGIX |

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| | 98139 | FULFILLS |
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| | 401950 | FULFILLING |

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 14100 3PL
 7568 3PLS
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 11952514 PARTY
 2063015 THIRD(W)PARTY
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10/3/1 (Item 1 from file: 613)
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00558954 20010424HSCPR (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)
PR Newswire High Technology Summary Tuesday, April 24, 2001

PR Newswire
 Tuesday , April 24, 2001 14:36 EDT
Journal Code: PR Language: ENGLISH Record Type: FULLTEXT Document
Type: NEWSWIRE
Word Count: 8,222

10/3/2 (Item 2 from file: 613)
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00513543 20010212NYM070 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)
Touchitaly Selects Skulogix(TM) As North American E-Commerce Fulfillment Partner

PR Newswire
Monday , February 12, 2001 10:30 EST
Journal Code: PR Language: ENGLISH Record Type: FULLTEXT Document Type: NEWSWIRE
Word Count: 529

10/3/3 (Item 3 from file: 613)
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00417178 20000918HSCPR2 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)
PR Newswire High Technology Summary (Part 2) Monday, September 18, 2000

PR Newswire
Monday , September 18, 2000 16:39 EDT
Journal Code: PR Language: ENGLISH Record Type: FULLTEXT Document Type: NEWSWIRE
Word Count: 4,656

10/3/4 (Item 4 from file: 613)
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00416546 20000918HSNATL1A (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)
PR Newswire National Summary, Monday, September 18, 2000 from 8:00 to 10 A.M. EST

PR Newswire
Monday , September 18, 2000 10:07 EDT
Journal Code: PR Language: ENGLISH Record Type: FULLTEXT Document Type: NEWSWIRE
Word Count: 7,457

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17819614 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULLTEXT)

Grocery Gateway delivers new deals: Aims for fresh role with Skulogix and Direct Home buys

DAVID AKIN

FINANCIAL POST , p 03

July 17, 2001

Journal Code: FFP **Language:** English **Record Type:** FULLTEXT

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Grocery Gateway acquires Direct Home Delivery and Skulogix Inc.

CANADA NEWSWIRE

July 16, 2001

Journal Code: WCNW **Language:** English **Record Type:** FULLTEXT

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(CNW) TouchItaly selects Skulogix(TM) as North American e-commerce fulfillment partner

CANADA NEWSWIRE

February 12, 2001

Journal Code: WCNW **Language:** English **Record Type:** FULLTEXT

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No Second Chances: Why my start up's R&D decisions have to be right -- or else

KERRY STIRTON

FINANCIAL POST , p 51

February 01, 2001

Journal Code: FFP **Language:** English **Record Type:** FULLTEXT

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DIALOG(R)File 613: PR Newswire

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Touchitaly Selects Skulogix(TM) As North American E-Commerce Fulfillment Partner

Text:

Skulogix, an e-commerce platform and **fulfillment** service provider, announced it has been selected by TouchItaly, a global provider of premium Italian lifestyle products and information, for TouchItaly's North American **fulfillment** and e-commerce infrastructure needs.

TouchItaly will initially offer North American consumers high quality, made in Italy products - including Tod's and Acqua di Parma - along with information and services on Italian design, food, travel and lifestyle. To help deliver the ultimate experience for their customers, TouchItaly will leverage **Skulogix**'s unique and sophisticated solutions to provide them with high velocity **fulfillment** and transaction management services.

"We were looking for a partner that understood, and was able to deliver, our desired brand experience. **Skulogix** combined their knowledge of premium brands with the speed, accuracy, and flexibility we were looking for," says Giovanni Vacchi, Co-COO, TouchItaly, who will launch <http://www.touchitaly.com> in the coming months. "We think **Skulogix** has the unique combination of expertise and proprietary technology to bring our vision and premium consumer experience to life."

At the core of **Skulogix**'s capabilities is its state-of-the-art combination

of carousels, conveyors and proprietary optimization software, housed in a 125,000 square foot **fulfillment** center in Buffalo, NY. This highly automated facility is one of the leading small order **fulfillment** solutions available today. While president of McGregor Industries/American Essentials, **Skulogix** co-founder and COO Earl Lipson developed and refined a Warehouse Management System that generates picking efficiencies twice as fast as the industry standard. To...

...has been used to ship over 30 million items and has received the prestigious Dayton Hudson Gold Star award. This technology, under exclusive license to **Skulogix**, is now deployed to support online sales, quick response store replenishment, and B2B **fulfillment**.

"**Skulogix** specializes in the delivery of premium brands and premium experiences to customers, like those offered by TouchItaly," said Dave Masotti, President and CEO of **Skulogix**. "Our innovative solutions help solve the **logistical** barriers presented by the online sales channel."

About TouchItaly

TouchItaly (<http://www.touchitaly.com>), a vertical web portal of Italian style, is an Internet initiative...

...in March 2000 and includes a diverse team of seasoned veterans with backgrounds in consulting, merchant banking, publishing, consumer goods, and Internet related companies.

About **Skulogix**

Skulogix, Inc., founded in July 1999, provides an **outsourced** transaction and high-velocity **fulfillment** infrastructure that enables brands and retailers to profitably manage retail supply networks and direct-to-consumer sales. The company's highly sophisticated e-commerce platform and proprietary **fulfillment** services help retailers and brands maximize sales, margins and profitability, both online and through traditional channels. **Skulogix** has offices and assets in New York and Chicago as well as a 125,000 square foot, state-of-the-art **fulfillment** facility near Buffalo, NY. To learn more about **Skulogix**, the

solution and the extraordinary management team behind it all, visit the company at <http://www.skulogix.com>.

SOURCE **Skulogix**, Inc.

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Geographic Names:

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Grocery Gateway delivers new deals: Aims for fresh role with Skulogix and Direct Home buys

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...balance sheet and putting it on track to become the delivery company for a host of Internet-based retailers.

Grocery Gateway said it will acquire **Skulogix** Inc. of Toronto, an e-commerce and **logistics** software developer, and Direct Home Delivery, a division of Direct Right Cartage Ltd., an operator of **third-party** delivery services in most large Canadian cities.

...give his company the ability to provide home delivery services for other online retailers.

"We are not a grocery business. We are a last-mile **logistics** business. Grocery just happened to be a large category that was good to start the development of the pipeline. This acquisition just puts in place

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...but also in Montreal, Vancouver and Calgary. Its main customer is Business Depot Ltd.

Terms of the deals were not disclosed, although the company said **Skulogix** investors would receive shares in privately held Grocery Gateway. **Skulogix** investors will hold a minority position in Grocery Gateway.

Skulogix and Grocery Gateway have several investors in common, including Mosaic Venture Partners LLP, CDP Sofinov and the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board.

The acquisition of **Skulogix** will add \$25-million in cash and **Skulogix**'s electronic transaction system. **Skulogix**, which

also owns a large warehouse facility near Buffalo, N.Y., will operate as its own division within Grocery Gateway.

Skulogix had set itself up as a provider of electronic transaction and fulfilment services for online retailers, but found the business was drying up as a result of the slowdown in the Internet business-to-consumer (B2C) area.

Skulogix had raised about US\$39-million in venture capital financing since 2000.

"The B2C space didn't develop at the rate that people thought it would develop at, and there was significant surplus capacity for B2C," said Al

Sellery, chief executive of Grocery Gateway. "Given that, (**Skulogix**) was overcapitalized. A number of our investors are also investors in **Skulogix**, so they approached us about doing an acquisition of **Skulogix** in order for them to reallocate the capital."

"It became evident some months ago that even the big name accounts we fought long and hard to win were not going to be sufficiently profitable for us," Kerry Stirton, **Skulogix** chief financial officer, wrote this month for National Post Business magazine.

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0002501042 I797B4740129D11DC8185F45FA2AD171C (USE FORMAT 7 FOR
FULLTEXT)
**CMV Cold Storage Selects Priya(R) Warehouse Management System to Facilitate
Accurate Cross Dock, Same Day Inventory Turns Arizona-based Produce 3PL's
Strong Preference for a 100% Microsoft Warehouse Solution Steered Decision**

PR Newswire
Monday , June 4, 2007 T13:00:00Z
**Journal Code: PR Language: ENGLISH Record Type: FULLTEXT Document
Type: NEWSWIRE
Word Count: 509**

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56480538 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULLTEXT)
**CMV Cold Storage Selects Priya(R) Warehouse Management System to Facilitate
Accurate Cross Dock, Same Day Inventory Turns**

PR NEWSWIRE (US)
June 04, 2007
**Journal Code: WPRU Language: English Record Type: FULLTEXT
Word Count: 498**

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28813940 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULLTEXT)
Q1 2003 Informatica Earnings Conference Call - Part 1

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April 02, 2003

Journal Code: WFDW **Language:** English **Record Type:** FULLTEXT

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**PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT: MEASURE SELECTION BASED UPON
FIRM GOALS AND INFORMATION REPORTING NEEDS**

Griffis, Stanley E; Cooper, Martha; Goldsby, Thomas J; Closs, David J

Journal of Business Logistics v25n2 pp: 95-118

2004

ISSN: 0735-3766 **Journal Code:** JBL

Word Count: 6942

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Global supply chains: Factors influencing outsourcing of logistics functions

Rao, Kant; Young, Richard R

International Journal of Physical Distribution & Logistics Management v24n6 pp: 11-

19

1994

ISSN: 0960-0035 **Journal Code:** IPD

Word Count: 4947

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02624937 **Supplier Number:** 43490666 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)

UTILIZING PUBLIC WAREHOUSES

Plants Sites & Parks , p 84

Dec , 1992

Language: English **Record Type:** Fulltext
Document Type: Magazine/Journal ; Trade
Word Count: 3069

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Designing warehouse for efficiency: a guide to best practices: warehouses do not adhere to a molded one-size-fits all model. We unearth a comprehensive study of the best warehousing practices, as revealed by distribution experts in the industry.(Warehousing)(Company overview)

Ramaswami, Rama
Tea & Coffee Trade Journal , 179 , 2 , 30(8)
Feb , 2007

Document Type: Company overview

ISSN: 0040-0343

Language: English

Record Type: Fulltext

Word Count: 3374 **Line Count:** 00277

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16582405 **Supplier Number:** 111935328 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)

2004 logistics, transportation & 3PL service directory.

Chemical Week , 165 , 46 , 19(4)
Dec 24 , 2003

ISSN: 0009-272X

Language: English

Record Type: Fulltext

Word Count: 2175 **Line Count:** 00216

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**Turning two great ideas for improved productivity into bottom line realities.
(includes company profiles and related case study)(advertising supplement)(A Tale
of Two Systems: The Final Chapter)**

Modern Materials Handling , v53 , n9 , pW3(20)

August , 1998

ISSN: 0026-8038

Language: English

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Word Count: 12062 **Line Count:** 01007

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...to increase.

One good example of a pioneering analytics win is GIST, a Division of

British (inaudible) in the U.K. GIST manages and operates **third party logistics** and supply chain solutions for customers worldwide, handling more than \$4.5b pounds sterling worth of merchandise

and consumer goods for large retailers like (Market...system with the recently announced joint development effort with webMethods. The business

activity platform product is a direct result of the convergence of data

integration, **process** integration, and business intelligence

requirements for many customers. Increasingly we're seeing requirements from customers wanting full interoperability throughout their

analytics and app integration technologies resulting in RFPs for a...

...USA.

Another illustrative win of our products was with Sanofi-Synthelabo,

a leading pharmaceuticals company who selected Informatica to build a sales and marketing data **warehouse**. They **chose** Informatica based on our market leadership in data integration, the strongest technology, and overall product architecture benefit and productivity that

they get from that.

Our...we continued to exercise tight performance management, and have

been cautious about rehiring until we see greater stability in the macro

economic and geo political **climate**.

With higher gross margins and continued tight expense management we

were able to increase our operating profit and generated a GAAP operating profit of \$539...

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...Today many internationally focused logistics service providers, including freight forwarders, customhouse brokers, ocean and air carriers, as well as logistics management companies, characterize themselves as **third-party logistics** providers capable of offering bundled services for the movement of international freight. The degree to which such offerings may be employed by major importing and...

...lanes. Third, the study focused on the ocean and surface modes; air freight was not addressed.

Background

The use of single sourcing and outsourcing to **third-party logistics** firms, or contract logistics as some prefer, is a noteworthy phenomenon even domestically in the US. Lieb's[2] survey indicated that about one-third of large manufacturing companies in the US

use **third-party logistics** services and over 60 per cent of these firms have utilized these services for more than five years.

The three most widely outsourced services were...

...garnered some support in the present study.

Murphy et al.'s[4] study confirmed that nearly all large multinational companies tend to make use of **third-party logistics** providers, although no mention was made of the services being utilized. Traditionally, certain documentation (e.g. customs clearance or duty drawback) and less-than-containerload...

...of services in the logistics market is confirmed also by many recent trends. Several major truckload and less-than-truckload (LTL) companies have entered the **third party logistics** arena, specifically designing and managing integrated logistics systems through

either formation of new subsidiaries, strategic partnering or acquisition.

Several truckload companies have formed intermodal partnerships asked to

state whether they, their trading partner, or a **third-party logistics** provider typically performed 13 different tasks ranging from carrier rate negotiation and carrier performance evaluation to more

transaction-oriented activities such as warehousing, inventory management
...demand and that the failure to do so results in a loss of good will which is an insurmountable cost. The predominant view was that **handling requirements** can be built into the service designs and that service providers can fulfil these expectations. Continuous monitoring and measurement of performance become important considerations
and...of the world where the transportation and telecommunication infrastructure are less well developed will obviously increase the management difficulty, driving some firms to outsource selected **logistics** functions to **third-party** service providers.

The nature of the traffic dispersion in the network is also important to note. One way to capture this aspect is by examining...cost/service factors.

Product Complexity

This driver refers to the special circumstances required by products and materials due to the complexity of the environment (temperature, **humidity**, etc.) governing their transportation, storage and handling. Hazardous materials, goods with short shelf lives or that are susceptible to damage, and other physical properties make...

...continuing challenge for logistics executives. This research will have hopefully provided some clarifications on this topic.

Table II.

Classification of International Logistics Functions

PLANNING FUNCTIONS

Location selection
Supplier selection

Supplier contracting

Scheduling

EQUIPMENT FUNCTIONS

Selection

Allocation

Sequencing

Positioning Inventory control

Ordering

Repair

TERMINAL FUNCTIONS

Gate checks
Location control

HANDLING FUNCTIONS

Pick-up

Consolidation

Distribution...

...several vendors. Outsourcing is the term used when the activities were previously handled within the shipper's logistics organization.

2. Lieb, R., "The Use of **Third-party Logistics** Services by Large American Manufacturers", Journal of Business Logistics, Vol. 13 No. 2, 1992, pp. 29-42.

3. Crum, M., Allen, B. and Ross, T...

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...the rest of the project team evaluated the warehouse and its needs. They considered the flow of materials and how it could be improved, special **handling requirements**, information system interfaces, and functional requirements that a WMS would have to satisfy. Details from value-added order processing zones to customer specified labeling requirements...attracted his boss' attention at the financial meeting.

Meanwhile, Delacroix revisited and fine-tuned process flow and layouts. Considerable time was also spent on determining **storage, handling**, and staffing **requirements** by Paul Scott and Bill Williams from the warehouse staff.

During the initial assessment of operations, Delacroix, Scott, and Williams had collected average and peak...Albee and the others discovered, eliminating Synaptic was the easy part of the process. Baseline functionality for the two finalists was comparable and value-added **processing requirements** appeared to be well understood. Both training plans were well conceived and pricing was within ABC's budget.

Renegade's strength lay in its depth...were passed out to team members, people in the warehouse, other affected departments, and top executives, the project was publicly launched.

The CRP process triggered **heated** discussion between" Nirvana

and WMS Solutions people over functionality in some areas. Discussions were especially lively when it came to specifics on how to handle special customer labeling **requirements** and value-added **processing** areas. Fortunately, WMS Solutions' Baum and Nirvana's Shane collaborated well on keeping the team focused and dispassionate.

In the end, Nirvana accepted WMS' baseline...Solutions' detailed design document.

Even though comprehensive, the document seemed to generate considerable discussion about the operator interface for creating new customer-specific, value-added **processing requirements**. The team also addressed the nature, content, and frequency of host system uploads and downloads as well as preliminary rules for inventory slotting and redeployment...and Australia. TRW's LES customers extend into industries including automotive, apparel, food, food service, publishing, semiconductor manufacturing, consumer packaged goods, pharmaceuticals and medical, electronics, **third-party logistics**, grocery, semi-conductor manufacturing and other retail and wholesale distribution environments.

The MARC suite of products includes: MARC-CS (Configured Solution), MARC-ES (Engineered Solution...the ability to run a 24-hour operation. In addition, they were looking for improved accuracy, reduced cycle times and better inventory tracking control. MicroAge **chose** the Catalyst **Warehouse** Management System (WMS) software package to attain these goals for their 300,000 square foot Cincinnati distribution center.

Soon after installing the Catalyst WMS, MicroAge...

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**Pointsmith L.P. Selects Cadre Technologies' Cadence Warehouse Management
Software**

Business Wire
Tuesday , June 16, 2009 T14:06:00Z
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**Leading 3PL Provider, Materialogic, Selects RedPrairie Warehouse Management
(WMS) to Direct 340,000 Square Foot Warehouse Operation**

Business Wire
Tuesday , December 2, 2008 T13:30:00Z

Journal Code: BW **Language:** ENGLISH **Record Type:** FULLTEXT **Document Type:** NEWSWIRE
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October 02, 2006
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RedPrairie Warehouse Management (WMS) selected to direct 340,000 square foot, multi-part warehouse operation for Materialogic

Anonymous
Traffic World pp: n/a
Dec 2, 2008
ISSN: 0041-073X **Journal Code:** TRW
Word Count: 477

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The rise of the 3PW

Dragan, Chris

Transportation & Distribution v43n6 pp: 61-64

Jun 2002

ISSN: 0895-8548 **Journal Code:** HLS

Word Count: 631

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One warehouse or two?

Barry, Curt

Catalog Age v19n3 pp: 47-49

Mar 1, 2002

ISSN: 0740-3119 **Journal Code:** CTA

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Aichlmayr, Mary

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ISSN: 0895-8548 **Journal Code:** HLS

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Electronic retailing is more than a Web site

Ward, Jason; Warshawsky, Steven

Chain Store Age v73n5 pp: 64-68

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The New Frontier (Part 5)

Smith, Janet A.

Direct Marketing v54n5 pp: 36-38

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The rise of the 3PW: firms are more likely to outsource warehousing today more than ever. (logistics).(Brief Article)

Dragan, Chris

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June , 2002

Language: English **Record Type:** Fulltext

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Maloney, David
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Language: English **Record Type:** Fulltext
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Electronic retailing is more than a Web site; product fulfillment requires a logistics infrastructure that meets or exceeds customer expectations.

Ward, Jason
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Abstract: ...found that the logistics of product fulfillment pose one of the most troublesome challenges in this new channel. Retailer solutions have included using existing stores, **third-party fulfillment** companies, and direct shipments from vendors. Companies with existing catalog operations are in a good position to ship directly from

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Month-to-month leases are particularly useful if seasonality requires expansion only at **specific** times. That way, companies only lease what they need.

CORE COMPETENCIES

In addition to providing flexibility, leasing also allows businesses to focus on aspects other...

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...complete business model-marketing, merchandising, product selection,

pricing, vendor relations, technical management and fulfillment-must be reevaluated. Each of these areas most likely needs new **processes**, skills and approaches.

Product fulfillment is a particularly troublesome area. The design of a logistics infrastructure to meet or exceed customer expectations is critical to...

...or CDNow have the luxury of defining their logistical infrastructure specifically for the particular product being offered through electronic retailing, most existing distribution systems for **store**-based retailers are designed to ship a wide variety of products in bulk quantities to tens, hundreds, or, for the largest retailers, thousands of **stores**.

Retailers are finding that adapting their existing infrastructure to ship small quantities to millions of consumers can be time-consuming, complex and expensive.

Store-based retailers are currently testing several fulfillment strategies, often in combinations. These include creating and/or utilizing:

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IN-STORE

Several retailers are using or have used their existing **stores** as an initial fulfillment center. Examples of this approach include home delivery grocery services such as Peapod, Shopping Alternatives and Shoppers Express which have established alliances with grocers like Jewel, Safeway, Kroger and even a few Wal-Mart Supercenters for delivery from their **stores**.

A few grocery **store** chains, a major consumer electronics retailer and at least one general merchandiser have begun with this approach. Supermarket chain Harris Teeter has gone on its own in offering home delivery.

Grocery is not the only segment **shipping** from **stores**. Express

uses its **stores** for **shipping** clothes which are out of stock in its fulfillment center. A national computer retailer shipped from its largest **store** until it acquired a catalog company last year.

In each of these cases, depending upon the **store** layout, product is pulled either from backroom inventory or from **store** shelves, depending upon the **store** format. A rudimentary packing station is set up in the back room and packages are picked up by the parcel carrier each day.

This is an acceptable approach for retailers who are just getting started, or those that have excess space in one or more **stores**. It minimizes the up-front investment and is quick to set up.

However, for most retailers this cannot be seen as an adequate long-term...

...entry with a stand-alone PC to perform labeling and weighing, to a complex integrated packing station that ensures shipment and billing accuracy.

EXISTING WAREHOUSES

Store-based retailers with catalog operations are well suited to electronic retailing. For example, J.C. Penney is able to fulfill out of its six distribution...

...centers are not set up for consumer-direct electronic retailing fulfillment.

Not only is the warehouse product flow designed to ship in very large quantities to **stores**, but the information systems are not designed to track orders at the consumer level (no name and ship-to fields in the code). Too, the...

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This option also usually lacks validation of shipments and historical tracking of consumer purchases, while requiring new credit card payment systems and new accounting **requirements** for freight.

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The logistics network must optimize ...due to several reasons:

- * Sales volumes are currently too low and unpredictable
- * High up-front investment
- * Decreased flexibility

With several retail chains closing poorer-performing **stores**, some companies, including a Midwestern grocery chain with 300-plus **stores**, and one of the largest national general merchandise companies, have

evaluated using these former retail facilities as fulfillment centers.

This greatly reduces the investment required. Converted **store** fulfillment centers are particularly well-suited to the grocery industry, where the facilities' prime locations facilitate local delivery or customer pick-up.

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...delivery time can be measured in hours-not days.

The trade-offs include higher inventory carrying costs than more centralized options (but lower than current **store** operations), significant additional investments to increase capacity, and it may be difficult to meet the wide variability in demand inherent in some retail segments.

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This strategy allows retailers to leverage their buying power for current products and extend their product selection into lines not currently offered in their **stores**.

It is also flexible in accommodating wider swings in demand over short periods. One retailer using this approach treats the fulfillment center as

another **store**. It ships products from its distribution centers to the contracted fulfillment center in mixed full truckloads just as it does its **stores**-allowing it to leverage its buying power.

For products not carried in its **stores**, the vendors ship directly to the fulfillment center as it would ship to the retailer's DCs.

Since closing its general merchandise catalog, Sears, Roebuck...

...to provide specialty catalogs to its customer base. This allows it to easily offer a broader range of products than what it buys for its **stores**.

Another advantage to this method is the limited changes necessary to existing information systems. Some fulfillment companies handle all purchasing, order fulfillment and payment, and...

...creation with their existing systems. In this instance the order fulfillment house sends a monthly royalty check to the retailer, thus eliminating any system integration **requirements**.

The primary drawback is that there are very few national fulfillment companies which can accommodate a wide range of products, and it is a significant...

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Vendor-direct makes sense for products such as cameras and consumer electronics in which the consumers' perceived value is greater than the **shipping** cost. Some major manufacturers have squeezed unnecessary costs out of the supply chain by pooling inventory at their own distribution centers while substituting product availability information for physical product **stored** at retail locations.

Since many of these products, such as large appliances or fitness equipment, require delivery, assembly and/or installation, the consumer never knows the physical product was never on hand at the purchasing **store's** location.

The vendor-direct model greatly reduces the supply-chain costs associated with warehouses, fulfillment centers and **stores**. But it increases **handling** costs for the vendor, so many vendors are not eager to

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Electronic retailing has different impacts on each retailer's logistical **processes** because of factors such as their existing logistical infrastructure (dispersion of warehouses, existing product flow, etc.), demands inherent to the products carried (refrigerators vs. produce...

...businesses go from piloting the concept to a mature business can be generalized as follows:

1. Initial pilot products are picked and packed either in **stores** or in existing warehouses. This minimizes initial start-up costs. Higher variable costs and complexity are tolerated while the business is just getting started.

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...additional service, selection, convenience and price savings that it can provide. Retailers must design a consumer-focused logistical system, which provides additional value vs. the **store**, for electronic retailing to become truly compelling.

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retailer

- * **Third-party fulfillment** companies
- * Vendor-direct shipment

As is always the case, each approach has advantages and disadvantages. Each makes tradeoffs between inventory costs and transportation costs.

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THE FULFILLMENT MATRIX

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Product fulfillment is a particularly troublesome area. The design of a logistics infrastructure to meet or exceed customer expectations is critical to success.

The value the consumer places on timely delivery can significantly impact the design of the logistics network. "Time is money," goes the saying, and this is particularly true for transportation.

A sound fulfillment strategy depends on managing the full retail business model through a prudent but scalable infrastructure designed to match consumer expectations.

While "Internet Cowboys" such as the much heralded Amazon.com or CDNow have the luxury of defining their logistical infrastructure specifically for the particular product being offered through electronic retailing, most existing distribution systems for **store**-based retailers are designed to ship a wide variety of products in bulk quantities to tens, hundreds, or, for the largest retailers, thousands of **stores**.

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However, for most retailers this cannot be seen as an adequate long-term approach. It utilizes expensive retail space, is highly manual, adds operational complexity, limits the offering to existing skus, and there are absolute limits to the volume this approach can handle.

Retail employees are unfamiliar with standard warehouse picking and packing procedures. Additionally, high employee turnover can make picking and packing quality standards difficult to maintain. The actual picking operation is usually scheduled to be performed during off-peak shopping hours. This may appear to be an efficient use of resources. However, the delayed picking may force an additional day into the delivery cycle, since carrier pickup may occur prior to the current day's picking and packing is completed.

In addition, consideration must be given to the information systems

necessary to support the shipment function. These systems can be as simple as a fax form order entry with a stand-alone PC to perform labeling and weighing, to a complex integrated packing station that ensures shipment and billing accuracy.

EXISTING WAREHOUSES

Store-based retailers with catalog operations are well suited to electronic retailing. For example, J.C. Penney is able to fulfill out of its six distribution centers just as it does for catalog orders.

With the notable exception of those with catalog operations, most retailers' warehouses and distribution centers are not set up for consumer-direct electronic retailing fulfillment.

Not only is the warehouse product flow designed to ship in very large quantities to **stores**, but the information systems are not designed to track orders at the consumer level (no name and ship-to fields in the code). Too, the order-to-delivery lead time is usually not acceptable for consumers, the routing optimization routine can not handle household locations, and bundling of multiple products into a single box (over-packing) is generally not supported.

It is possible to create a fulfillment area to the side of an existing warehouse. This is the approach that Express has selected as its primary method of fulfillment.

Depending upon the warehouse set-up and flexibility, this option can be moderately costly. For example, many retailers have found that this option requires major systems modifications, new equipment and conveyors, and it can add undesirable operational complexity to the warehouse product and information flows.

This option also usually lacks validation of shipments and historical tracking of consumer purchases, while requiring new credit card payment systems and new accounting **requirements** for freight.

Geographic locations of distribution **centers** are usually **chosen** for efficient **handling** of existing **stores**. However, the consumerdirect market is fluid with everchanging destinations. The logistics network must optimize the transportation network directly to the distribution network to reduce the order-to-delivery cycle time. The scalability of the operations is also restricted to the existing warehouse infrastructure. For these reasons, catalogers are the main retailers using this option.

NEW DEDICATED FULFILLMENT CENTERS

Currently, few retailers have created their own dedicated fulfillment centers. This is due to several reasons:

* Sales volumes are currently too low and unpredictable * High up-front investment * Decreased flexibility

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It is likely that this option will become more common as electronic-retailing revenue escalates over the next few years for some merchandise and customer segments. It reduces delivery costs for low-margin items, and expected delivery time can be measured in hours-not days.

The trade-offs include higher inventory carrying costs than more centralized options (but lower than current **store** operations), significant additional investments to increase capacity, and it may be difficult to meet the wide variability in demand inherent in some retail segments.

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The use of **third-party fulfillment** companies is one of the more popular fulfillment strategies for retailers without catalog operations. It basically allows leasing of skills and facilities instead owning them in-house.

Well-known transportation companies such as Federal Express, United Parcel Service and Airborne have all recently created divisions which operate fulfillment centers for electronic retailers and catalog operations. Relco

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For products not carried in its **stores**, the vendors ship directly to the fulfillment center as it would ship to the retailer's DCs.

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Another advantage to this method is the limited changes necessary to existing information systems.

Some fulfillment companies handle all purchasing, order fulfillment and payment, and even catalog creation with their existing systems. In this instance the order fulfillment house sends a monthly royalty check to the retailer, thus eliminating any system integration **requirements**.

The primary drawback is that there are very few national fulfillment companies which can accommodate a wide range of products, and it is a significant paradigm shift for retailers to cede control of this aspect of their business.

Depending upon the service levels required by customers, multiple fulfillment centers may be necessary to minimize delivery time, which increases costs and required stock levels.

VENDOR-DIRECT

For some products, shipment directly from the vendor to the consumer makes sense. WalMart uses this approach for many of its on-line products as a way

to quickly increase its offerings without increasing its investment in inventory.

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Captioned as: Using a **third-party fulfillment** company, such as Peapod, reduces warehouse costs.

Some catalog and on-line retailers such as Insight Direct and Shoppers Advantage ship a portion of their merchandise directly from the vendor.

Vendor-direct makes sense for products such as cameras and consumer electronics in which the consumers' perceived value is greater than the **shipping** cost. Some major manufacturers have squeezed unnecessary costs out of the supply chain by pooling inventory at their own distribution centers while substituting product availability information for physical product **stored** at retail locations.

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The vendor-direct model greatly reduces the supply-chain costs associated with warehouses, fulfillment centers and **stores**. But it increases **handling** costs for the vendor, so many vendors are not eager to provide this service.

However, select blue-chip manufacturers see this capability as a competitive advantage of the future and are eagerly adding fulfillment as an optional service to their retailer customers.

Vendor-direct fulfillment raises a host of retailer-vendor relations issues. There must be agreement upon how much the retailer should pay for the additional service provided by the vendor.

If not properly executed, the retailer may lose much of its control over customer-service related issues such as packaging quality and timeliness of delivery. The retailer must also ensure that the vendor does not keep and use the consumers' names and addresses.

One variation on the vendordirect strategy is where the vendor actually contracts with a **third-party fulfillment** company to provide these services. While this is often transparent to the retailer, it allows the vendor to be responsive to the new demands of electronic retailing without incurring the additional cost and complexity of building its own skills and facilities.

THE EVOLUTION OF ELECTRONIC RETAILING LOGISTICS

Each fulfillment option consists of trade-offs between startup costs, difficulty of start-up, the ability to enforce standards, and ongoing operating costs.

Electronic retailing has different impacts on each retailer's logistical

processes because of factors such as their existing logistical infrastructure (dispersion of warehouses, existing product flow, etc.), demands inherent to the products carried (refrigerators vs. produce) and the demands of the customer.

However, the general evolution of electronic-retailing logistics as the businesses go from piloting the concept to a mature business can be generalized as follows:

1. Initial pilot products are picked and packed either in **stores** or in existing warehouses. This minimizes initial start-up costs. Higher variable costs and complexity are tolerated while the business is just getting started.
2. Vendor-direct shipments are phased-in for suitable products and where vendors are willing and able to provide this service in a reliable manner.
3. As volumes build, the highly manual **store** and warehouse pick/pack operations are transferred to a **third-party fulfillment** company. This lowers variable costs and reduces complexity without requiring a large investment.
4. As the business matures, new retailer-owned fulfillment centers are built, closed **stores** are converted into fulfillment centers, or DCs are retrofitted to provide fulfillment services. While all three of these actions require significant investments, the reduction in variable cost is justified by the large volumes. This is when electronic retailing has become fully integrated with the retailer's overall business.

There is no one answer for how a retailer should fashion its logistical infrastructure to best accommodate electronic retailing. It is easy for retailers to think of electronic retailing as just an online catalog.

What

makes electronic retailing compelling to consumers is not just the on-line

shopping experience. They value the additional service, selection, convenience and price savings that it can provide. Retailers must design a

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...requirements, project/job requirements and order management. This allows for the management of a client's fulfillment processes, delivering exceptional return on investment to the **third party fulfillment** companies and their clients.

The six (6) wireless modules that have been integrated into Distribution CLASS provide increased speed and accuracy during the receiving and put-away process (including serial number and lot number tracking), the picking and loading **requirements**, physical inventory **processes** and bar code label printing.

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The changes required to make electronic retailing compelling to the consumer can be substantial for retailers serious about making money in electronic retailing.

The complete business model-marketing, merchandising, product selection, pricing, vendor relations, technical management and fulfillment-must be reevaluated. Each of these areas most likely needs new **processes**, skills and approaches.

Product fulfillment is a particularly troublesome area. The design of a logistics infrastructure to meet or exceed customer expectations is critical to success.

The value the consumer places on timely delivery can significantly impact the design of the logistics network. "Time is money," goes the saying, and this is particularly true for transportation.

A sound fulfillment strategy depends on managing the full retail business model through a prudent but scalable infrastructure designed to match consumer expectations.

While "Internet Cowboys" such as the much heralded Amazon.com or CDNow have the luxury of defining their logistical infrastructure specifically for the particular product being offered through electronic retailing, most existing distribution systems for **store**-based retailers are designed to ship a wide variety of products in bulk quantities to tens, hundreds, or, for the largest retailers, thousands of **stores**.

Retailers are finding that adapting their existing infrastructure to ship small quantities to millions of consumers can be time-consuming, complex

and expensive.

Store-based retailers are currently testing several fulfillment strategies, often in combinations. These include creating and/or utilizing:

- * Fulfillment operations in **stores**
- * Fulfillment operations in existing distribution centers
- * New dedicated fulfillment centers owned and operated by the retailer
- * **Third-party fulfillment** companies
- * Vendor-direct shipment As is always the case, each approach has advantages and disadvantages. Each makes tradeoffs between inventory costs and transportation costs.

IN-STORE

Several retailers are using or have used their existing **stores** as an initial fulfillment center. Examples of this approach include home delivery grocery services such as Peapod, Shopping Alternatives and Shoppers Express which have established alliances with grocers like Jewel, Safeway, Kroger and even a few Wal-Mart Supercenters for delivery from their **stores**.

A few grocery **store** chains, a major consumer electronics retailer and at least one general merchandiser have begun with this approach. Supermarket chain Harris Teeter has gone on its own in offering home delivery.

Grocery is not the only segment **shipping** from **stores**. Express uses its **stores** for **shipping** clothes which are out of stock in its fulfillment center. A national computer retailer shipped from its largest **store** until it acquired a catalog company last year.

In each of these cases, depending upon the **store** layout, product is pulled either from backroom inventory or from **store** shelves, depending upon the **store** format. A rudimentary packing station is set up in the back room and packages are picked up by the parcel carrier each day.

This is an acceptable approach for retailers who are just getting started, or those that have excess space in one or more **stores**. It minimizes the up-front investment and is quick to set up.

However, for most retailers this cannot be seen as an adequate long-term approach. It utilizes expensive retail space, is highly manual, adds operational complexity, limits the offering to existing skus, and there are absolute limits to the volume this approach can handle.

Retail employees are unfamiliar with standard warehouse picking and packing procedures. Additionally, high employee turnover can make picking and packing quality standards difficult to maintain. The actual picking operation is usually scheduled to be performed during off-peak shopping hours. This may appear to be an efficient use of resources. However, the delayed picking may force an additional day into the delivery cycle, since carrier pickup may occur prior to the current day's picking and packing is completed.

In addition, consideration must be given to the information systems necessary to support the shipment function. These systems can be as simple as a fax form order entry with a stand-alone PC to perform labeling and weighing, to a complex integrated packing station that ensures shipment and billing accuracy.

EXISTING WAREHOUSES

Store-based retailers with catalog operations are well suited to electronic retailing. For example, J.C. Penney is able to fulfill out of its six distribution centers just as it does for catalog orders.

With the notable exception of those with catalog operations, most retailers' warehouses and distribution centers are not set up for consumer-direct electronic retailing fulfillment.

Not only is the warehouse product flow designed to ship in very large quantities to **stores**, but the information systems are not designed to track orders at the consumer level (no name and ship-to fields in the code). Too, the order-to-delivery lead time is usually not acceptable for consumers, the routing optimization routine can not handle household locations, and bundling of multiple products into a single box (over-packing) is generally not supported.

It is possible to create a fulfillment area to the side of an existing warehouse. This is the approach that Express has selected as its primary method of fulfillment.

Depending upon the warehouse set-up and flexibility, this option can be moderately costly. For example, many retailers have found that this option requires major systems modifications, new equipment and conveyors, and it can add undesirable operational complexity to the warehouse product and information flows.

This option also usually lacks validation of shipments and historical tracking of consumer purchases, while requiring new credit card payment

systems and new accounting **requirements** for freight.

Geographic locations of distribution **centers** are usually **chosen** for efficient **handling** of existing **stores**.

However, the consumerdirect market is fluid with everchanging destinations.

The logistics network must optimize the transportation network directly to

the distribution network to reduce the order-to-delivery cycle time. The scalability of the operations is also restricted to the existing warehouse

infrastructure. For these reasons, catalogers are the main retailers using

this option.

NEW DEDICATED FULFILLMENT CENTERS

Currently, few retailers have created their own dedicated fulfillment centers. This is due to several reasons:

* Sales volumes are currently too low and unpredictable * High up-front investment * Decreased flexibility

With several retail chains closing poorer-performing **stores**, some companies, including a Midwestern grocery chain with 300-plus **stores**, and one of the largest national general merchandise companies, have evaluated using these former retail facilities as fulfillment centers.

This greatly reduces the investment required. Converted **store** fulfillment centers are particularly well-suited to the grocery industry,

where the facilities' prime locations facilitate local delivery or customer pick-up.

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Captioned as: Most retailers' distribution centers are not set up for consumer-direct electronic-retailing fulfillment.

It is likely that this option will become more common as electronic-retailing revenue escalates over the next few years for some merchandise and customer segments. It reduces delivery costs for low-margin items, and expected delivery time can be measured in hours-not days.

The trade-offs include higher inventory carrying costs than more centralized options (but lower than current **store** operations), significant additional investments to increase capacity, and it may be difficult to meet the wide variability in demand inherent in some retail segments.

It is likely that this option will become more common as electronic-retailing revenue escalates over the next few years for some merchandise and customer segments, but retailers have not yet generated the volume required to justify dedicated fulfillment centers for electronic

retailing.

THIRD-PARTY FULFILLMENT COMPANIES

The use of **third-party fulfillment** companies is one of the more popular fulfillment strategies for retailers without catalog operations. It basically allows leasing of skills and facilities instead owning them in-house.

Well-known transportation companies such as Federal Express, United Parcel Service and Airborne have all recently created divisions which operate fulfillment centers for electronic retailers and catalog operations. Relco Corp.'s Contract Distribution Services also operates 14 of its own fulfillment centers for a wide range of retailers.

Third-party fulfillment companies provide a much more robust capability than in-**store** fulfillment, minimize operational impact, and make much of fulfillment a variable cost which can be offset by elimination of warehouse and **store** costs associated with the sale of the product.

This strategy allows retailers to leverage their buying power for current products and extend their product selection into lines not currently offered in their **stores**.

It is also flexible in accommodating wider swings in demand over short periods. One retailer using this approach treats the fulfillment center as another **store**. It ships products from its distribution centers to the contracted fulfillment center in mixed full truckloads just as it does its **stores**-allowing it to leverage its buying power.

For products not carried in its **stores**, the vendors ship directly to the fulfillment center as it would ship to the retailer's DCs.

Since closing its general merchandise catalog, Sears, Roebuck and Co. has utilized a series of fulfillment companies to provide specialty catalogs to its customer base. This allows it to easily offer a broader range of products than what it buys for its **stores**.

Another advantage to this method is the limited changes necessary to existing information systems.

Some fulfillment companies handle all purchasing, order fulfillment and payment, and even catalog creation with their existing systems. In this instance the order fulfillment house sends a monthly royalty check to the retailer, thus eliminating any system integration **requirements**.

The primary drawback is that there are very few national fulfillment

companies which can accommodate a wide range of products, and it is a significant paradigm shift for retailers to cede control of this aspect of their business.

Depending upon the service levels required by customers, multiple fulfillment centers may be necessary to minimize delivery time, which increases costs and required stock levels.

VENDOR-DIRECT

For some products, shipment directly from the vendor to the consumer makes sense. WalMart uses this approach for many of its on-line products as a way to quickly increase its offerings without increasing its investment in inventory.

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Captioned as: Using a **third-party fulfillment** company, such as Peapod, reduces warehouse costs.

Some catalog and on-line retailers such as Insight Direct and Shoppers Advantage ship a portion of their merchandise directly from the vendor.

Vendor-direct makes sense for products such as cameras and consumer electronics in which the consumers' perceived value is greater than the **shipping** cost. Some major manufacturers have squeezed unnecessary costs out of the supply chain by pooling inventory at their own distribution centers while substituting product availability information for physical product **stored** at retail locations.

Since many of these products, such as large appliances or fitness equipment, require delivery, assembly and/or installation, the consumer never knows the physical product was never on hand at the purchasing **store's** location.

The vendor-direct model greatly reduces the supply-chain costs associated with warehouses, fulfillment centers and **stores**. But it increases **handling** costs for the vendor, so many vendors are not eager to provide this service.

However, select blue-chip manufacturers see this capability as a competitive advantage of the future and are eagerly adding fulfillment as an optional service to their retailer customers.

Vendor-direct fulfillment raises a host of retailer-vendor relations issues. There must be agreement upon how much the retailer should pay for the additional service provided by the vendor.

If not properly executed, the retailer may lose much of its control over

customer-service related issues such as packaging quality and timeliness of delivery.

The retailer must also ensure that the vendor does not keep and use the consumers' names and addresses.

One variation on the vendordirect strategy is where the vendor actually contracts with a **third-party fulfillment** company to provide these services. While this is often transparent to the retailer, it allows the vendor to be responsive to the new demands of electronic retailing without incurring the additional cost and complexity of building its own skills and facilities.

THE EVOLUTION OF ELECTRONIC RETAILING LOGISTICS

Each fulfillment option consists of trade-offs between startup costs, difficulty of start-up, the ability to enforce standards, and ongoing operating costs.

Electronic retailing has different impacts on each retailer's logistical **processes** because of factors such as their existing logistical infrastructure (dispersion of warehouses, existing product flow, etc.), demands inherent to the products carried (refrigerators vs. produce) and the demands of the customer.

However, the general evolution of electronic-retailing logistics as the businesses go from piloting the concept to a mature business can be generalized as follows:

1. Initial pilot products are picked and packed either in **stores** or in existing warehouses. This minimizes initial start-up costs. Higher variable costs and complexity are tolerated while the business is just getting started.
2. Vendor-direct shipments are phased-in for suitable products and where vendors are willing and able to provide this service in a reliable manner.
3. As volumes build, the highly manual **store** and warehouse pick/pack operations are transferred to a **third-party fulfillment** company. This lowers variable costs and reduces complexity without requiring a large investment.
4. As the business matures, new retailer-owned fulfillment centers are built, closed **stores** are converted into fulfillment centers, or DCs are retrofitted to provide fulfillment services. While all three of these actions require significant investments, the reduction in variable cost is justified by the large volumes. This is when electronic retailing has become fully integrated with the retailer's overall business.

There is no one answer for how a retailer should fashion its logistical infrastructure to best accommodate electronic retailing. It is easy for retailers to think of electronic retailing as just an online catalog.

What

makes electronic retailing compelling to consumers is not just the on-line

shopping experience. They value the additional service, selection, convenience and price savings that it can provide. Retailers must design a

consumer-focused logistical system, which provides additional value vs. the

store, for electronic retailing to become truly compelling.

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**METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM FOR AN IMPROVED ENTERPRISE
SPATIAL SYSTEM**
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**COMPUTER-IMPLEMENTED SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MONITORING
AND MANAGING BUSINESS PROCESSES AND ASSOCIATED RESOURCES**
SYSTEME ET PROCEDE INFORMATIQUES DE CONTROLE ET DE GESTION DE
PROCESSUS ADMINISTRATIFS ET RESSOURCES ASSOCIEES

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USE OF CO2 COOLING IN TREATMENT OF POULTRY EGGS

REFROIDISSEMENT AU CO2 POUR TRAITER DES OEUFs DE VOLAILLES DE
BASSE-COUR

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METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR E-COMMERCE FREIGHT MANAGEMENT
PROCEDE ET SYSTEME DE GESTION DE MARCHANDISES DANS UN
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METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CREATING MARKETPLACE VISIBILITY AND ADMINISTERING FREIGHT SHIPMENTS USING FUZZY COMMODITY TRANSPORTATION INSTRUMENTS

PROCEDE ET SYSTEME D'INSTAURANT UNE VISIBILITE DU MARCHE ET ADMINISTRANT LES EXPEDITIONS DE MARCHANDISES PAR L'UTILISATION D'INSTRUMENTS CONCERNANT LE TRANSPORT DES BIENS ET DES SERVICES FLOUS

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**SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR END-TO-END FULFILLMENT AND SUPPLY
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SYSTEMES ET PROCEDES DE GESTION INTEGREE PRODUCTION-
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VERTICAL SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PROVIDING SHIPPING AND LOGISTICS SERVICES, OPERATIONS AND PRODUCTS TO AN INDUSTRY
SYSTEME VERTICAL ET PROCEDE PERMETTANT DE FOURNIR DES
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Detailed Description:

...by the supply chain server in execution of the planning functions includes allocation, performing "what-if" scenarios, and shortage chasing.

Logistics

[0024] Logistics involves the **fulfillment** of orders, including picking up consolidated supplier purchase orders, and breaking bulk shipments by way of cross-dock operations. The smaller shipments then are delivered...In one embodiment, orders are fulfilled by having the products picked up by a freight company as designated by a logistics provider 78 (herein "3PL" **third party logistics** provider) and taken to a location, which can be the same location as where the shipment was picked up. At this stage, instructions are provided...capacity availability to support the new demand is investigated by Planners. The Planner identifies, when possible, source(s) for the new request and initiates the **fulfillment** process in the Logistics Module.

[0113] If a supplier 76 is unable to meet its commitment (short shipment), the Planner may act as an intermediary...forecast accuracy, and supplier performance. This data and information constitutes the basis for many of the daily management reports and additional expert Network

Logistics and **Fulfillment**

Logistics

[01741 The Logistics Module executes the purchasing process. The focus of this function is on the purchase-to-pay cycle, including validation of the accuracy and timeliness of the order **fulfillment** process.

[...suppliers and customers more efficiently than prior art supply chains. Moreover, problems in shipment and returns by customers are also handled more expediently and efficiently.

Fulfillment

[0194] The **Fulfillment** portion of the Logistics Module is involved in ensuring the transportation of products from suppliers 76 to customers 72.

Referring to Fig. 16, there is shown a time-phased **Fulfillment** process flow ...the Planning, Order

Management, and Logistics modules and so a detailed discussion of such information is omitted for the sake of brevity.

[01951 In the **Fulfillment** process, supply chain server 74 sends customer

forecasts 200 and week 0 call-outs 202 (Fig. 4) to suppliers 76. Suppliers 76 send pick-up...

Claims:

...sales order from said advanced shipping notice.

108. The system of claim 107, wherein said advance shipping notice includes cross-dock instructions transmitted to a **third-party logistics** provider. 109. The system of claim 107, wherein said advance shipping notice is used to generate at least one of a purchase order and a...sales order from said advanced shipping notice. 227. The method of claim 226, wherein said advance shipping notice includes cross-dock instructions transmitted to a **third-party logistics** provider.

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Detailed Description:

...for suppliers. Third party providers merely execute instructions from suppliers without any additional forecast analysis or inventory data analysis being performed. Inventory is stored in **third-party logistics** providers' warehouses, frequently resulting ...operations associated with supplying components to customers in a supply chain.

[0141 The processes associated with the present invention are directed to inventory planning, order **fulfillment** and inventory replenishment. During the planning process, customer forecasts are ...thereafter, performed by the demand and order management provider, and a supply plan is generated and transmitted to the customer.

[0151 During the order and **fulfillment** process, demand pulls are received and validated by the demand and order management provider. The demand and order management provider confirms the presence of available...interaction between a demand and order management provider, supply chain server, global logistics provider and value added service provider during an order and planning process, **fulfillment** process and replenishment process in accordance with the present invention;

[0251 Fig. 7 is a flowchart illustrating the steps associated with planning according to a first preferred embodiment of the present invention;

[0261 Fig. 8 depicts a flowchart illustrating the steps associated with ordering and **fulfillment** in accordance with a first preferred embodiment of the present invention;

[0271 Fig. 9 shows a flowchart defining the steps associated with processes for replenishing...accordance with a second preferred embodiment of the present invention;

[0291 Fig. 1 1 illustrates a flowchart showing the steps associated with order management and **fulfillment** processes in accordance with a second preferred -8 embodiment of the present invention; and

10301 Fig. 12 depicts a flowchart illustrating the steps associated with...s internal computer systems, or by transmitting via e-mail, facsimile or telephone. Activities performed by -14 the value-added service provider 6 , as with **third-party logistics** provider 6 are preferably directed by the supply chain server 20 and/or the demand and order management provider 16.

[048] Additionally, a value-added...Thus, the vendor managed inventory processes, as described herein, provide extensive improvements over the prior art. More particularly, transaction costs are lowered, inventory levels and **fulfillment** cycles times are reduced, customer service is improved, risk is mitigated for buyers and sellers, and realization of revenue occurs earlier than the prior art suppliers 4, customers 2 and the supply chain server 20 utilize market intelligence and contribute to effective order and planning processes 54, **fulfillment** processes 56 and replenishment processes 58 for VMI inventory 12. The supply chain server 20, supplier 4 and customer 2 employ integrated systems, including a... ..management system to implement the processes and methods described herein.

[052] Further, as shown in Fig. 6, three processes (i.e., planning, customer order and **fulfillment**, and replenishment) can occur both sequentially and simultaneously in accordance with the present invention. For example, a planning process occurs when demand forecasts 24 (Fig. 4) are received.

Simultaneously, a replenishment process occurs that is directed to both prior customer **fulfillment** as well as maintenance of safety stock levels. The planning process comprises receiving forecasted demands 24 from customers 2 and commitments 36 (Fig. 4) from... ..service providers. The demands 24 and commitments 36 eventually evolve into pull orders 60 from VMI hubs I I associated with the customer order and **fulfillment** processes 56 associated with the present invention.

[...of the present invention, the planning process 54 is implemented.

[060] Referring now to the flowchart depicted in Fig. 8, processes associated with ordering and **fulfillment** 56 are discussed below with regard to a first preferred embodiment of the present invention.

[061] At the beginning of the order and **fulfillment** process 56, a customer 2 sends a demand pull 60 (Fig. ...18 receives the components into the VMI hub 1 1 and the components become part of the available VM1 inventory 12 for planning 54 and **fulfillment** 56 (step S318). The demand and order management provider 16 further receives an inventory update that is generated by the global logistics provider 18 in...for example, electronic data exchange/flat file preferred, by e-mail, fax or telephone calls.

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1086] The processes associated with the order management and **fulfillment** process 56 are discussed below with reference to the flow chart in Fig. 1 1.

[087] After customers 2 prepare and transmit forecast demand pulls...managing and fulfilling orders are complete.

1092] Additional details directed to the processes and corresponding steps described above, with respect to the order management and **fulfillment** processes 56, are described below in greater detail.

[0931 A customer demand pull 60 is treated by the supply chain server 20 as a discrete...shared and global solutions that directly result in significant benefits. Profitability increases as a direct result of lowering transaction costs and reducing inventory levels and **fulfillment** cycle time.

Additionally, risk is mitigated for both buyers and sellers, and customer service improves. Moreover, suppliers enjoy earlier recognition of revenue.

[0126] Industry expertise... ..optimization and inventory planning, Benefits that are realized by effective demand planning and order management include lower transactional costs, reductions in inventory levels and reduced **fulfillment** cycle times. Value-added ...services, part marking, tape and reel processes, on-line first article processing, testing and reel labeling result in lowering overhead, lowering transactional costs, and reducing **fulfillment** cycle times.

[01271 Moreover, utilization of physical warehouse assets, including, for example, high-velocity logistics, VMI hubs I 1, cross-docks 14, inventory aggregation, inventory...present invention manages a plurality of services preferred during the operations management of the processes described above, i.e., the -40 planning, the order and **fulfillment** and replenishment processes associated with vendor managed inventory.

[01311 Processes associated with operations management include maintaining product data and related information, providing customer data maintenance...

Claims:

...at least one of a demand plan, value-added demand plan, and a replenishment demand plan; an order and fulfillment process module, said order and **fulfillment** process module being adapted to receive a demand pull, retrieve a component from an inventory storage location, perform a value-added service on said component...at least one of available inventory, in transit inventory, work in process inventory and quarantined inventory.

18 The system of claim 12, wherein said order and **fulfillment** process module is further adapted to perform: at least one of receive and validate a pull for at least one component; verify available inventory in...at least one of shipping and receiving dates, carrier information, component quantities and component characteristics.

20 The system of claim 19, wherein said order and **fulfillment** process module is further adapted to provide information directed to said advance shipping information to said customer and said supplier.

21 The system of...at least one forecasted demand for at least one component from at least one

customer; -46 a customer order and fulfillment module, said customer order and **fulfillment** module generates a demand plan for fulfilling said forecasted demands; and an inventory replenishment module, said inventory replenishment module evaluating at least quantity of at...one customer with a history of orders placed by said at least one customer.

26 The system of claim 24, wherein said customer order and fulfillment module further transmits said demand plan to a supplier of said at least one component.

27 The system of claim 24, wherein said supplier transmits a commitment to said customer order and fulfillment module, said commitment representing said supplier's intention to supply said at least one component to said customer.

28 The system of claim 27, wherein said customer order and **fulfillment** module further performs a comparison of said at least one forecasted demand with said commitment received from said supplier to determine whether said supplier can supply said at least one component to said customer.

29 The system of claim 28, wherein said customer order and **fulfillment** module further provides shortage containment when said comparison reveals said supplier cannot provide said at least one component -47 to said customer.

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Detailed Description:

...rate / bid, equipment availability engine for shippers and carriers in the freight transportation industry. It provides a business to business (M) internet environment serving shippers, **third party logistics** companies (3PL), brokers, broker carriers, carriers, freight forwarders, warehouseurs and other related industry parties in which qualified carriers indicate the extremely important equipment availability and...tool to address the entire fractionalized / assorted individual freight transportation industry offerings / products including order entry, procurement, tracking, tracing, proof of delivery, order visibility, warehouse **fulfillment**, insurance, accounting, billing, finance, and other industry services by providing such access through one proprietary industry portal or grand master bulletin board system.

The aforementioned...to other shippers or carriers)

Shipper (Corporation offering product(s) for purchase by others)

Shipper (Corporation offering service(s) for purchase or utilization by others)

Third Party Logistics Company (3PL) with shipper agency singularly or in a group

3PL offering/requesting one or more legs of a tour to another 3PL

Broker/Broker... ...or less-than-container load (LCL) moves)

Carrier (Corporation moving empty containers for container company)

Carrier (Corporation address one or more legs of a tour)

Third Party Logistics Company (3PL) with carrier agency singularly
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or in a group

Third Party Logistics Company (3PL) addressing one or more legs of a tour

Broker/Broker Carrier/Freight Forwarder with shipper and/or carrier agency

Shipper (Corporation as a... ...Strategic alliances/partnerships/joint ventures with other companies offering industry internet'services will address areas such as tracking, tracing, proof of delivery, order visibility, warehouse **fulfillment**, accounting and procurement functions will all be integrated into the system through the master bulletin board approach. Complete process integration will address and document inter...users that can be integrated into the system include but are not limited to procurement, order entry,, tracking, tracing, proof of delivery, order visibility, warehousing **fulfillment**, accounting, billing, finance, etc. 8.

All files/information can be saved, archived, or deleted as well as utilized to generate

reports. 9. Multiple screens can...

Claims:

...mining and scalability. The areas to link to include but are not limited to order entry, procurement, tracking, tracing proof of delivery, order visibility, warehouse **fulfillment**, insurance, billing and financial. Providing a full service freight management approach through one amalgamation of companies and services finally address the needs of the freight...the shipper data includes shipper identification data, shipper contact data, shipper annual revenue, shipper employee size, shipper financial data, shipper freight department data (in-house, **third party logistics** company (3PL), broker), shipper list of corporations or individuals for which they will not offer requests for carriage data, etc.

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SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR END-TO-END FULFILLMENT AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

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Detailed Description:

SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR END-TO-END FULFILLMENT AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT RELATED APPLICATION DATA

The present application claims priority from U. S. Provisional Patent ApplicationNo,60/214,910,titled"METHODS,SYSTEMSANDCOMPUTER PROGRAM... ..2 outsourcing distribution, companies are relieved of overhead costs associated with inhouse distribution, such as staffing, warehouse facility maintenance, and distribution costs.

There are many **third-party logistics** providers that provide retailers with third.

party distribution solutions. The majority of these provide shipping from one warehouse

that the **third-party logistics** provider has established for such purpose.

The third-party logistics provider then ships the e-retailers' products to consumers from this warehouse via a carrier...GATP inventory from one or more databases 180 located at the warehouse level. Each warehouse includes a warehouse management system 190 that enables the reception, **fulfillment** and acknowledgement of orders, and the update of one or more databases 190 associated with the warehouse. Using the capabilities of the database application 170...so by a communication. to the customer and/or client (block 540). However, the promising engine 130 may first - 17 attempt to split the order **fulfillment** between 2 or more warehouses, if necessary, to fulfill a request that cannot be met by any warehouse. This is described in further detail below...have been promised are later destroyed or are missing) result in repromising of the requests.

The promising engine 130 does not prioritize or optimize the **fulfillment** of orders, with the exception of rush ...passes them to Order Management System (OMS) for further processing, and. the OMS, in turn, sends the orders to the warehouse management system 190 for **fulfillment**. The OMS may be an off-theshelf conventional component not illustrated in the system 100 of FIG. 1, or included - 28 in the system 1...

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Detailed Description:

...a new external solution (out-sourcing) model for the focal industries. The methods and systems of the present invention provide a viable alternative to traditional **third-party-logistics** provider (3PL) outsourcing scenarios by providing a community having industry specific domain expertise able to provide new and novel shipping and logistics systems and methods...industry.

The embodiment presented may be implemented through a web site, such as, 'ShipChem.com.' The ShipChem.com embodiment provides next generation internet-powered logistics/**fulfillment** solutions enabling global transportation management over the internet, and the management of domestic and international orders and shipments as an integrated global logistics business process...

